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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

SHINOZAKI

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.121

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

December 12, 2000

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 12, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

In claim 1, line 11, please delete the first occurrence of "the" and insert --an-- in

place thereof;

In claim 1, line 11, after the phrase "amount of", please insert --the--.

In claim 6, line 9, please delete "the" and insert --a-- in place thereof;

In claim 6, line 13, after the phrase "amount of", please insert --the--.

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